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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 113
By Cole (Carter)

A RESOLUTION to honor Gene W. Mercer on his retirement as
chairman and Chief Executive Officer of
SunTrust Bank, Northeast Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize and
honor citizens of our state who provide exemplary leadership in their business and in community
activities; and

WHEREAS, it was with deep regret that we learned that Gene W. Mercer, chairman and
Chief Executive Officer of SunTrust Bank, Northeast Tennessee, since 1995, has decided to
take a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, after bravely serving his country in the United States Air Force, Mr. Mercer
was a popular and highly regarded student at East Tennessee State University where he
studied banking. He has also completed studies with the American Institute of Banking, Robert
Morris Associates and Warren, Gorman and Lamont; and

WHEREAS, since joining SunTrust in 1969, he has gained valuable experience in all
facets of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Gene Mercer has handled each of his positions at the bank with
extraordinary dedication, diligence and competence, and with his wise leadership the bank has
grown and prospered; and

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WHEREAS, a true representative of the Volunteer State, Mr. Mercer has been very active in community organizations, serving adroitly as a director of the Sequoyah Council of Boy Scouts of America, chair of the 1996 Community Development Council, and as a member

of the Northeast State Technical College Foundation Board, the East Tennessee State University Foundation, the Johnson City Lions Club, and the Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, one of his most notable qualities is his uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to commend Gene W. Mercer for his service to SunTrust and the citizens of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend our deepest appreciation to Gene W. Mercer for his contributions to the banking industry and to his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.